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Kastenmeier Proposes CIA Surveillance

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Washington, D. C. — A joint

congressional watchdog committee to keep a sharp eye on American intelligence operations was urged Friday in a bill introduced by Rep. Kastenmeier (D-Wis.).

Shocked by the state department's admission that the central intelligence agency (CIA) had tried to bribe Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1960 with \$3,300,000, Kastenmeier called the matter "a disastrous incident."

Rep. Zablocki (D-Wis.) Thursday announced that his foreign affairs subcommittee on the Far East would begin a closed door investigation next week on the incident.

Kastenmeier noted that Zablocki had tried for years to create the congressional watchdog committee to oversee the CIA and other intelligence organizations.

Earlier this week, the state department had denied that a CIA agent had offered the bribe to cover up an unsuccessful CIA operation.

Only after Prime Minister Lee produced a 1961 letter from Secretary of State Rusk, apologizing for the bribe attempt, did the state department retract the denial.

Kastenmeier, of Watertown, Wis., declared that congress should assert more supervision over United States intelligence operations "to assure that the standards of morality honored by American society are not completely undermined in the conduct of our international intelligence activities."

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Kastenmeier Asks Unit To Watch CIA

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Robert

Kastenmeier (D-Watertown) Friday called for creation of a joint congressional committee on intelligence to oversee American intelligence operation.

"The time has come for Congress to assert a more formal and extensive supervision over the burgeoning intelligence operations of our international intelligence," he told the House.

"Such supervision is needed, most importantly to assure that the standards of morality honored by American society are not completely undermined in the conduct of our international intelligence activities," he said.

Kastenmeier said the current disastrous incident involving the attempted bribery of Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew by a CIA agent strongly supports the New York Times' contention that the country can no longer be sure that either the State Department or the White House is exercising the need supervision over an agency about which the public knows little.

Noting that his colleague, Rep. Clement Zablocki (D-Milwaukee), has led House efforts to create a joint congressional committee on intelligence, Kastenmeier said "I am happy to recognize his interest and concern in this area and to join him in the effort to establish such a committee."

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